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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-713-i12)

In re Application of:)
Mirkin et al.)
Application No.: 09/975,376)
Filing Date: October 11, 2001)
For: Nanoparticles Having Oligonucleotides)
Attached Thereto and Uses Therefor)
Examiner: Alexander H. S.
Art Unit: 1637
Confirmation No.: 9821

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated March 16, 2004. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) is attached. Please amend this application as shown below.

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The “Remarks” section begins on page 8.